

is truly deserving of this award and I'm pleased to have the opportunity to honor his decades of service.

Bob graduated from St. John's Academy in Plattsburgh in 1964 and from Gannon College in 1968. After graduation, he served as a weapons officer on the guided-missile cruiser Columbus CG-12 from 1968 to 1972. Following his service to our country, Bob returned to Plattsburgh, where he and his wife, Diane, raised their three children, Kristin, Lindsey and Michael.

I've known Bob for over 20 years, both professionally and personally. He is a person dedicated to his family, his community and his business.

Bob's commitment to contribute to his community began when his children were young. He has served on the CVPH Medical Center Board and Executive Committee, and as chair of the Plattsburgh Development Corporation, the 2002-2003 business campaign for Plattsburgh State, the American Heart Association Heart Walk, the United Way Fund Drive, and the United Way Board of Directors.

Currently, Bob serves as chair of the Development Corporation Strategic Planning Review Committee, as a volunteer for Vision 2040, and as a member of the Plattsburgh State Investment Committee.

A co-founder of the Plattsburgh Visitors and Convention Bureau, Bob is also a member of the Strategic Tourism Planning Committee and has served as a board member of the Plattsburgh-North Country Chamber of Commerce.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend Bob Smith for his ongoing efforts to support his community, and I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring his work to improve New York's North Country.

RECOGNIZING THE OAKLAND LIVINGSTON HUMAN SERVICE AGENCY ON THE COMPLETION OF ITS NEW WELCOME CENTER

HON. GARY C. PETERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. PETERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency, OLHSA, as it celebrates the completion of its new Welcome Center.

For 46 years, the Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency has been an invaluable community institution in Southeast Michigan, providing services to make low-income, senior and disabled persons more self-sufficient. Along with its 1,100 fellow Community Action Agencies, OLHSA provided service to 11.5 million Americans last year, specifically thousands of Oakland county residents. In fulfilling its mission to diminish poverty and empower the disaffected, OLHSA has tirelessly advocated on behalf of its clients, provided educational and economic resources to those in need and fostered the involvement of area residences in the design of programs and initiatives to provide needed services in a tailored and specialized manner. The completion of OLHSA's new Welcome Center marks a significant moment in the Agency's fight on poverty, in which it will have facilities to expand its programs and reach even further into our community.

The opening of the Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency's new Welcome Center marks a new venture for OLHSA with a new presence and a renewed determination to combat poverty in Southeast Michigan. The Welcome Center makes OLHSA's vital services such as its weatherization, Emergency Utility Assistance, Head Start preschool, foreclosure counseling and food assistance programs more easily available to residents of Oakland county who are in need. Additionally, extended hours of operation will ensure that all who seek assistance will have an opportunity to do so.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today and recognize the Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency on the completion of its new Welcome Center, which will expand access to vital services for those in need in Oakland County and across Southeast Michigan. I look forward to the day when we can rise together to celebrate the eradication of poverty and the protection of the most vulnerable members of our community.

HONORING REVEREND D. GRADY SCOTT FOR HIS FAITHFUL SERVICE TO THE TUCSON COMMUNITY

HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Mr. GRIJALVA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend Reverend D. Grady Scott as he celebrates 20 years of leading the spirit-filled congregation of the Grace Temple Missionary Baptist Church in Tucson, Arizona. With Reverend Scott's guidance, Grace Temple has become an exemplary model of community ministry. When Katrina ravaged the states along the Gulf of Mexico, Reverend Scott lead the way for churches throughout Tucson and Pima County to become involved and to welcome those seeking refuge. He opened Grace Temple for meetings and encouraged elected officials Supervisor Ramon Valadez, Mayor Bob Walkup, and, myself, Congressman RAUL GRIJALVA to participate and, subsequently, to organize and to contribute resources.

Reverend Scott has worked diligently to improve the quality of life for the community. He has often been at the forefront of issues seen by others as controversial. When he learned that HIV and AIDS were an epidemic in the community, he invited expert speakers, non-profit organizations, community people and other ministers to attend meetings at Grace Temple so all could understand the need to speak out and to educate. He supports an ongoing HIV Speakers Bureau; he was and continues to be active in educating others about the dangers of drugs, especially methamphetamine, through community sessions held with the Meth Free Alliance. In addition, because of the experience with Katrina, Reverend Scott is a strong advocate of Emergency Preparedness and promotes community involvement with both the national and the local Office of Homeland Security.

Through his leadership, Grace Temple has become a community center of learning and caring. In addition to the activities of its many church ministries, Grace Temple provides senior citizens with computer training; the Pima

County One Stop has an active satellite office for assisting the unemployed to find jobs; there is an active Nurses Guild that regularly provides health fairs for both the congregation and the general public; a Fine Arts Ministry works with the community; the youth and adult Re-entry Community are actively assisted with resources and information. In addition to his many responsibilities as pastor, Reverend Scott personally visits and ministers weekly to the Pima County Adult Detention Center population.

Reverend D. Grady Scott's personal outreach and accomplishments are many. Currently, he serves as Executive Secretary of the National Baptist Convention USA, Incorporated Prison Ministry and Criminal Justice Commission; as a member of the Tucson City Magistrate Merit Selection Commission; and as the President of the Minister's Conference for the Southern District Association. Reverend Scott has served on the Governor's Advisory Board for Faith-based and Community Initiatives since 2002. He recently completed serving as President of the Paradise Missionary Baptist State Convention; the Moderator of the Southern District Association; President of the Interdenominational Minister's Alliance of Tucson and Vicinity; and President of the Congress of Christian Education for the Southern District Association.

His contributions to the well-being of the community and to civil rights have been recognized through his many service and civic awards including: the LULAC Presidential Citation, the FBI Community Service award, the NAACP Community Service Award, the Rosa Parks Community Service Award.

Reverend Scott has a close and loving family that is equally committed to service and is active in church ministries. He is married to Theresa E. (Teel) Scott and they have three grown children: son, Lonnie, and daughters, Lauren and Leslie. They have one grandson, Kameron Scott. Reverend Scott has two sisters and one brother; Roberta (Scott) Guary, Reverend Pearl (Scott) Johnson and Deacon Cornelius Scott, Jr.

Today I honor Reverend D. Grady Scott for his faithful service of 20 years to Tucson and the Pima County, Arizona, community. May his example provide a path for others to follow.

HONORING THE CONGRESSIONAL CLASS OF 2008

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, November 16, 2010

Ms. RICHARDSON. Madam Speaker, as the 111th Congress comes to a close, it is fitting for us to recognize our Colleagues who will not be joining us in January for the start of the 112th Congress. Specifically, 19 of my classmates from the incoming Congressional class of 2008 will be moving on to new endeavors, where they will undoubtedly achieve great success and distinguish themselves, just as they did while serving their constituents and the American people in this body.

For the outstanding legislative accomplishments that we achieved during their tenure, I would like to recognize these representatives and thank them for their service: BOBBY